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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) mailed February 3, 2006, along with a petition for a one (1) month extension of time and a copy of the aforementioned Notice enclosed herewith. This paper responds to the Final Office Action of October 24, 2005, to serve as a proper submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) previously submitted on January 24, 2006. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the Listing of the Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.